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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 51.2 degrees, 4.9 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, April 6. Precipitation averaged 1.00 inches, 0.13 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 13 points above normal.

Reporters rated 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, April 4. This is 1.9 days greater than last year and 0.2 days less than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	3.2	2.4	5.6
2002	1.3	0.6	1.9
1998-2002 Average	3.4	3.5	6.9

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	4	72	24
Last Week	0	3	64	33
Same Week Last Year	0	2	53	45
1998-2002 Average	1	12	61	25

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 6

Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is seven percent jointed, this is two days ahead of last year's

schedule, but two days behind the 1998-02 average. Six percent of the **Oat** crop has been planted. This is seven days behind last year and 11 days behind of the five year average. **Tobacco** growers have 35 percent of their tobacco beds seeded, this is three days ahead of last year's schedule. Ten percent of tobacco beds have visible growth. This is two days ahead of last years schedule, but two days behind the five year average. Approximately two percent of the **Potato** crop has been planted. This is the same as last year, but four days behind the five year average.

Apples are 30 percent in green tip. **Peaches** are 27 percent in green tip, compared to 13 percent in green tip in 2002.

Wet conditions continue to hamper most tillage activities, although some reported chisel plowing in their area. In drier locations farmers planted oats and potatoes as well as, applying ammonia, potash and phosphorus. Producers continued hauling grain, prepping equipment and spreading manure. Top dressing and applying nitrogen to wheat was reported throughout the state. Some fruit producers began spraying their orchards.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Greener pastures were reported by several reporters but conditions remain too wet in some locations. Pastures were rated at 51 percent good and 29 percent fair.

Livestock remains in mostly good condition. Reporters estimated livestock at 65 percent good and 13 percent excellent. Livestock in most locations remain on hay till the fields dry out. Horse owners began vaccinating their animals due to concerns over the West Nile virus.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 6

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Oats planted	6	10	25	1	1
Potatoes planted	2	2	4	0	NA
Tobacco beds seeded	35	22	40	20	NA
Tobacco beds having plants up	10	4	13	6	NA
Winter wheat jointed	7	6	10	1	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 6

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	30	55	13
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	3	31	59	6
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	29	57	10
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	2	5	42	45	6
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	17	65	13
Previous Week	0	2	22	66	10
Previous Year	0	2	20	69	9
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	9	29	51	9
Previous Week	1	9	36	49	5
Previous Year	3	10	39	43	5
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	32	53	13
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	4	38	51	6
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	18	57	21
Previous Week	2	4	20	56	18
Previous Year	3	7	31	50	9

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 6

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	45.6	1.4	1.67	0.93	1.65	1.00	30	5	30	10
North Central	46.6	2.1	1.47	0.67	1.45	0.78	30	4	30	9
Northeast	46.8	2.8	1.20	0.24	1.20	0.39	35	9	35	14
West Central	52.1	6.2	0.91	0.06	0.89	0.15	47	17	47	21
Central	53.2	6.3	0.83	-0.06	0.82	0.04	51	17	51	23
Central Hills	49.9	4.6	1.25	0.33	1.24	0.43	39	9	39	15
Northeast Hills	50.4	4.5	1.16	0.26	1.15	0.36	45	13	45	18
Southwest	54.6	6.8	0.51	-0.47	0.51	-0.32	57	21	56	25
South Central	55.8	6.6	0.48	-0.37	0.47	-0.25	62	16	61	22
Southeast	54.2	6.6	0.80	-0.06	0.80	0.03	57	18	57	24
STATE	51.1	4.9	1.00	0.13	1.00	0.24	46	13	46	19

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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